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DEATH.

At the Government Civil Hospital, on the 15th inst., ANDREW CAREY, master of the s.s. *Hing Lee*, a native of Motherwell, Scotland, aged 49.—Singapore and Manila papers please copy. [644]

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 18TH, 1910.

WERE it not for the sad occurrence which has darkened Great Britain and incidentally thrown its shadow over the whole civilised world, the progress of Theodore Roosevelt throughout Europe would have continued to attract the unprecedented interest and attention which followed the movements and utterances of this citizen of the United States on his emerging from darkest Africa. Still, as we pointed out before, the duty to the living is more clamant in its demands than that to the dead, and the sense of sorrow and grief should not blind us to what is happening around us or make us deaf to words of wisdom and warning. Especially do we commend to the consideration of all who have the interests of their race at heart the truth which garnished the remarkable oration delivered three weeks ago by the Ex-PRESIDENT before a brilliant assemblage at the Sorbonne in Paris. It was his first address in Europe, and we can quite appreciate the discrimination of Retrea in selecting the salient features of this discourse for telegraphic transmission. The words of the necessarily condensed cablegram revealed enough of the force and vigour of the man to suggest that the intellectual audience in

the great amphitheatre of the Sorbonne was stirred by the eloquence of Mr. ROOSEVELT on the most hackneyed of themes, but the more extensive accounts of the address which have come to hand show that he gave expression to thoughts which have a meaning for a larger audience than that which heard the tones of his voice. The world had already become accustomed to his vigorous discourses on various topics, but more especially on race suicide, and his return to the theme in discussing the importance of good citizenship in a republic is justified by its importance. The sermon is worthy of the preacher. It cannot fail to stir by its directness and common-sense.

The exultation of commonplace qualities and domestic virtues has been a favourite theme with poets and preachers, but notwithstanding the beauty of the lines in which the poet conveys his thought or the eloquence with which the preacher seeks to reach the hearts and minds of his audience the virtue inherent in "the daily task, the common round" is lost sight of by those whose eyes are fixed on material comfort or selfish ease. Undoubtedly men and women to-day need to be roused to a higher conception of their duties to the State and to the race. The innumerable interests which fill life to-day and make it immeasurably richer than that enjoyed by previous generations will prove nothing short of a calamity if it involves the disappearance of plain virtues and obvious duties. The peoples of America France and Britain have all to be reminded of what they owe to their country and to posterity. A falling birth-rate need not mean a sweeping indictment of the nation. It might involve rather a condemnation of the economic conditions which press hardly on the people. But, in the words of Mr. ROOSEVELT, nothing is more deserving of reprobation than voluntary sterility. The most essential necessity still is that the man and woman should become the father and mother of healthy children, so that the race might increase and not decrease. Voluntary sterility, he asserted, is worse than a misfortune; it is a crime arising from selfishness, from the dread of pain and of peril, and it is one which Nature in the end will punish more severely than any other. That indeed is the warning which cannot be too often repeated.

The love of ease, the disinclination to undertake obvious duties, and a moral and physical decadence have been the prelude to the fall of empires in the world's civilization and to prove themselves worthy of their great heritage they must realise that sacrifices have to be made, duties have to be fulfilled, and a race capable of working and fighting produced so that they should not be deprived of their legacy of the ages. Although the great American's remarks were applied particularly to the citizens of the two great Republics they are none the less applicable to Great Britain, where the same deplorable tendency is manifesting itself. The caution which he addressed to the citizens of the Republics is just as necessary in the British Empire. "If," he said, "we, the free people who claim to have emancipated ourselves from the thralldom of wrong and error, bring down on our heads the curse that comes upon the wilfully barren, then it will be an idle waste of breath to prattle of our achievements, to boast of all we have done. No refinement of life, no delicacy of taste, no material progress, no sordid heaping up of riches, no sensuous developments of art and literature can in any way compensate for the loss of the great fundamental virtues, and of these great fundamental virtues the greatest is the race's power to perpetuate the race." This is no mean gospel and it is well that we should be forcibly reminded of its vast importance.

Mr. W. Swan, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company at Singapore, relieves Mr. Bock at Hongkong.

It is satisfactory to note that of the seven cases of plague reported in Hongkong only two proved fatal.

Mr. A. H. Basto, of Messrs. Noronha & Co., 6 Des Vouy Road, reported to the police that between 3 and 4.30 o'clock on Monday afternoon someone stole from his coat a silver watch and a gold chain with sovereign attached, of a total value of \$83.

The Peking Daily News states that it is rumoured that Sir John Jordan is not coming out again and that a gentleman who has been connected with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank for a number of years will be appointed British Minister in Peking.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 15th May, 1910, shows that of non-Chinese there were 324 to the Library and 165 to the Museum, and of Chinese 140 to the former and 2,133 to the latter. The Library was, therefore, used by 524 persons and the Museum by 2,899.

The Yokohama office of the C.P.R. on Monday received a wireless message from the *Express of Japan*, which left Vancouver on the evening of the 4th inst., to the effect that all was well on board and the Commander expected to reach Yokohama on the 16th inst., at 6 p.m. The steamer was 1,250 miles distant from Japan when the message was received.

On the arrival of the P. & O. intermediate steamer *Sardinia* from Yokohama and Hongkong at Singapore on May 10th it was reported that a first-class lady passenger, Mrs. Longworth Baker, who was bound from Yokohama to London, disappeared from the ship on May 7th. It is supposed that she threw herself overboard.

Sergeant Pitt arraigned a native before Mr. E. R. Halifax at the Magistracy yesterday on a charge of selling sambo without a licence at No. 18, Teat's main village. On a previous conviction the defendant was fined \$200, and this time, his Worship finding the offence proved, ordered him to pay a fine of \$400, the alternative being three months' imprisonment.

Prince Tsai Tso, says the *Hawthorn Gazette*, was the most carefully guarded visitor ever entertained in Honolulu, and it appears to be the opinion of all who came in contact with him that he wanted the guarding. The prince was decidedly nervous in the presence of crowds: this fact, and the absence of any considerable crowds of the local Chinese at his receptions, are much commented on.

Dr. Francis E. Clark, medical Officer of Hongkong, writes to the *Chicago Record-Herald* regarding his impressions of Manila. He says the tide of prosperity has set in. The Americans are great house-cleaners. They have improved the sewerage system and built great waterworks. Now cholera, plague, yellow fever and smallpox are as rare as formerly they were common, and Manila stands high in the list of sanitary cities.

Seven hundred emigrants, says the *Kobe Herald*, were to leave Kobe for Brazil by the steamer *Yojin Maru*. The men are to be employed on the coffee plantations. This is the second batch of Japanese labourers for Brazil. It is reported that the Foreign Office has stopped the despatch of Japanese labourers to Peru for the time being, conditions there being somewhat unsatisfactory at present.

A native who was caught descending the staircase at No. 6, Second Street, at four o'clock yesterday morning with a bundle of clothes under his arm appeared before Mr. E. R. Halifax at the Magistracy yesterday on a charge of larceny. He said he had been cooling himself by the roadway, and had returned to the wrong house. His Worship sentenced the defendant to ten days' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

Among recent visitors to China himself famous a year-and-a-half ago by writing a book relating to the Great Wall of China, which was speedily accepted by the reading public as one of the most remarkable contributions to literature on China that had been made for a long period, Dr. Gell is now on his way to Tsianfu. He is at present engaged in a great tour through the Empire in the course of which he proposes to visit every one of the provincial capitals.

Eleven prominent business men of Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe have left Shimonoseki. Travelling through Korea and Manchuria, they arrive at Peking on May 25th and Shanghai on June 20th, proceeding via Hankow, Taiyeh, Nanking, Chinkiang and Szechow. Chinese papers dwell on this circumlocutory tour with suspicion. They allege that the Japanese business men contemplate benefiting themselves from the thralldom of the Chinese. In this connection, a Chinese member of the International Press Association of Japan has been sending letters to many papers in China, with a view to allaying such misunderstandings.

## VOLUNTEER RESERVES.

## THE DOUGLAS CUP.

The eleventh competition for the Douglas Cup was held on 14th and 15th instant over the 900 yards range at the Peak.

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J. Hutchings ... 32 + 14 = 46

The final shoot for this trophy will take place next month.

## NEW CHINESE RAILWAY PROJECT.

The "Mémorial Diplomatique" of Paris gives some details concerning a new Chinese railway project, backed by an influential Shanghai group. It is proposed to build a line from Shanghai to Kinchuan, a distance of about 100 kilometres, and an application for a concession has already been forwarded to the Ministry of Communications. The line will follow the coast, traversing the plains of the Yangtze-kiang, and following the shore of the Bay of Hangchow. The promoters seek to build the railway with their own funds, and to make no appeal to the public until the work is completed.

## THE DALAI LAMA.

With regard to the reports current concerning the future movements of the Dalai Lama, it is learned that he is expected in St. Petersburg in June. The matter has been discussed by the British and Russian Governments, and the former has raised no objection.

The Lama is described as a warm friend of Russia, and there is some reason to think that he may attempt to take the opportunity afforded by the visit to interest this country in his grievances against China. But, although relations between St. Petersburg and Peking are not of the happiest, it may be taken for granted that the Russian attitude will be identical with the British.

## TELEGRAMS.

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[MURKIN'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS".]

## MR. ROOSEVELT IN LONDON.

LONDON, May 16th.

Mr. Roosevelt and family have arrived in London. The Ex-President had an hour's audience with King George and afterwards paid a visit to the Throne Room.

## THE CRETAN PROBLEM.

LONDON, May 16th.

It is reported from Crete that the Christian deputies are preventing Mussulmen from sitting in the Assembly.

The Consuls have notified the party leaders that if the Mussulmen deputies are not allowed to take their seats in the Assembly the consequences will be of the most serious nature to Cretans.

## RIOTS AT VALENCIA.

LONDON, May 17th.

Republican riots have occurred at Valencia, in which a police officer was stabbed and killed, and many injured.

## MOURNING THE KING.

LONDON, May 17th.

The Royal Family, and the personnel of the Royal Household, attended the farewell religious service in the Throne Room at ten o'clock last night, and were so affected that they were unable to join with the choir in singing King Edward's favourite hymn, "Abide with Me."

## TYphoon WARNING.

Yesterday we received from the American Consulate a typhoon warning despatched from the Manila Observatory yesterday at 11.30 a.m.—Cyclone or typhoon S.S.E. of Naha, inclining northward.

## AIR CRUISERS.

The Cologne airship manoeuvres have proved very successful. The King of Württemberg took part in the flight of one of these air cruisers on April 18th, and a fleet of three airships travelled from Cologne to Homburg to greet the Emperor William and manoeuvred in his presence. The Minister of War was aboard one of the airships.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

Colonel C. M. Kirkpatrick, who accompanied Viscount Kitchener to Australia, and who was Assistant Quartermaster-General in India, has been appointed Inspector-General of the Commonwealth Military Forces.

This appointment is another indication of the serious attention Australia is now disposed to give to military organisation. A natural, but hardly logical, national pride before insisted that the Inspector-General should be an Australian officer. That idea has been now abandoned; and, to carry out the system of reorganisation suggested by Lord Kitchener, one of his trusted Staff Officers has been appointed. The appointment has been made necessarily with the sanction of, if not at the instance of, the incoming Labour Ministry.

## SALE OF LIQUOR DURING PROHIBITED HOURS.

## MANAGER OF BELLE VIEW HOTEL SUMMONED.

Before Mr. E. R. Halifax at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Captain W. Winch, licensee and manager of the Belle View Hotel, was proceeded against for selling liquor during prohibited hours.

Inspector Kerr prosecuted, and Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Castro (of Messrs. Almada & Smith) appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

Sergeant Pitt stated that at about 2.45 a.m. on the 3rd instant he was on the verandah at Bay View Police Station, when he saw a motor car containing men and women going in the direction of Shaukiwan. He went to the charge-room, got his bicycle, and rode towards Shaukiwan. When opposite the Belle View Hotel he saw a motor car inside the grounds. Witness went within, and just as he approached the motor car the bar-boy came from the direction of the bar with the tray produced in Court, the five champagne glasses, each one with a piece of ice inside and champagne. As the wine was handed to people in the motor car witness said, "Thank you. That belongs to me." A European then came from the direction of the bar and said, "We're in a fix then." Witness then asked for the manager and was informed he was in hospital. He next asked for the person in charge, and saw a Chinese, who informed him that the bottle had been purchased during the day. They purchased three, drank two, and said they would return later for the other one. On Sunday, instant, witness received a telephone message from Inspector Kerr telling him to warn the manager, which he did.

In cross-examination witness said defendant told him, when he was warned, that he was going to hospital.

This closed the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Almada said the charge was that the defendant did commit a breach of his publican's licence by allowing liquors to be sold or drunk on his premises at Belle View during prohibited hours.

The defendant P. S. Pitt at Bay View Station, and told him he was going to hospital.

Before he left for hospital he gave strict instructions to the servants to have the bar closed before midnight and to sell no wines or liquor whatever after midnight. During his stay in hospital the proprietor was in the hotel and on this occasion he left just after the closing of the bar and gave strict orders that no wine was to be sold.

If the boy had disobeyed those orders it was not for the defendant to be found guilty.

They admitted that the boy did serve, but said that such sale was not with the permission of the manager or with his knowledge. The onus was upon the prosecution to prove that the defendant did allow liquors to be sold on his premises.

Captain W. Winch, manager of the Belle View Hotel, spoke to going to the hospital with malarial fever on May 1st. He was on his way when he met Sergeant Pitt at Bay View, and the Sergeant gave him a warning. Previous to leaving, he instructed his servants to see that the place was closed before twelve o'clock, and also ordered them to sell no liquor before 9 a.m.

## HONGKONG SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday at the Board Room. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe presided, and there were present:—Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (Vice-President), Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown (Registrar-General), Sir Joseph Tayler, R.A.M.C., P.M.O., Mr. A. Shelton Hooper, Dr. G. L. Fitzwilliams, Mr. Ng Hon Tsz, Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Dr. F. Clark (Medical Officer of Health), and W. Bowen Rowlands (Secretary).

## THE DRAFT ESTIMATES.

In connection with the draft estimates the President submitted:—

(1) The statement of the estimates and expenditure for 1909, and the estimates for 1910, and the expenditure during the first three months of 1910. The latter is also compared with the expenditure during the first quarter of 1909.

(2) An analysis of the incidental expenses for 1909.

(3) A statement of increments to the officers of the department to which they will become entitled during the year 1911 if their services have been such that they can be recommended for them.

Mr. HOOPER.—Let a copy be sent to each member and the discussion of same be postponed for quite a week of its receipt.

Mr. LAU CHU PAK.—Impossible to digest this mass of figures in a few minutes.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL.—This is marked very urgent. I have no time to read it now. Please send back when the other members have seen it.

The PRESIDENT.—I think copies have been supplied to every member, but we will hardly have time to go through the whole question now. I don't know whether you would prefer that a select committee should go into it and report to the full Board, or whether you would like to discuss the whole matter at the meeting next week.

Dr. FITZWILLIAMS proposed that a committee be appointed to consider the estimate and report to the Board.

The VICE-PRESIDENT seconded, and the proposal was carried.

The committee appointed was composed of the President, Mr. Shelton Hooper and Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

## CONTAMINATED WATER.

Correspondence was submitted relative to a well at No. 112, Wellington Street.

The Government Analyst reported.—A good deal of impurity is getting into the water, but at present the well is working satisfactorily. Another sample might be taken after three months.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH minutely described the well situated on premises that are being fitted up as an eating-house. The amount of nitrogen present at the analyses shows a considerable amount of remote sewage contamination, and I think therefore that the applicant should be informed of this, and told that the well should be properly protected with a good kerb, and covered over with a cement covering and a pump fitted. If the water is then found to be fit for potable purposes it could be retained, but if not the pump could then be easily removed and the opening cemented.

The PRESIDENT.—I think it is rather hard on the man to expect him to provide a pump if he may have to close the well. He is providing a wooden cover. The well has a kerb.

Mr. NG HON Tsz—I do not see any reason to close the well if it were covered and used for washing purposes.

Mr. HOOPER.—If the well were cleaned out and a kerb and proper covering provided, we might watch the result before ordering it to be closed.

Hon. Mr. HEWETT.—Such premises are being used as an eating-house: we can have no guarantee that the water might not be used for cooking. The well should therefore be closed.

Mr. LAU CHU PAK.—I agree with Mr. Hooper. No more wells should be closed until an adequate supply has been insured both for cleaning and washing purposes.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL.—The well should be covered over so that it cannot be used.

The PRESIDENT said it would perhaps be as well to note in this case that the well was an eating-house, and therefore they had to be more particular than in the ordinary tenement houses. They had already watched the result, as minute by Mr. Hooper. They allowed the well to remain open after the analysis made in January, and the result of the further analysis made in April showed that the water was contaminated. It seemed to him useless to carry on for a further period.

Mr. HOOPER.—The well has not been cleaned out, and no cover has been put on since January.

The PRESIDENT.—A small wooden cover was provided. It appears to me that the most satisfactory arrangement in the case would be to act on the suggestion of the Registrar-General and seal it, and if at any time it was necessary to open it to clean it out and use it, it would not be necessary to dig a fresh well. If left open to be used for washing purposes, it might also be used for other purposes should their other supply fail.

Mr. LAU CHU PAK.—What harm is there in it if they boil the water?

The PRESIDENT.—They won't boil it.

Mr. LAU CHU PAK.—Chinese always boil their water.

The PRESIDENT.—They used to, but I don't think they do now.

Mr. HOOPER.—I am against closing the well. When we are short of water they cannot even use it for sanitary purposes, and in case of fire these wells are most useful where there is only an intermittent supply.

The VICE-PRESIDENT.—The principal mains are always charged.

Mr. HOOPER.—Yes, but before the water is turned on well water can be used.

The MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.—The well has got a good deal worse since January, but now is the time to clean it out.

Mr. HOOPER.—I move that the tenant or owner receive notice to have the well thoroughly cleaned, a proper kerb built, and a substantial cover provided to the satisfaction of the Board in lieu of the closing of the well.

Mr. LAU CHU PAK seconded.

The PRESIDENT.—Before this is put to the Board you must understand that this man has practically to experiment.

Mr. HOOPER.—We have power to serve him with that notice.

Dr. FITZWILLIAMS.—I object to the words "to the satisfaction of the Board," because there is no cleaning which would make me satisfied.

The PRESIDENT.—Then I think we'll have to take a division on the question as to whether the well be sealed or not.

Mr. HOOPER.—I proposed a resolution, there is no amendment to it.

The REGISTRAR-GENERAL.—I move as an amendment that the well be sealed.

Dr. FITZWILLIAMS.—Second.

The amendment, on being put to the meeting, was carried by six votes to three, and the motion was lost.

## MOUNT AUSTIN NULLAH.

The report of the select committee appointed to inquire into the conditions obtaining at Mount Austin nullah and the water supply collected from that area was presented. It reads as follows:—We visited the Pokfulum reservoir drainage area on the 22nd inst, and inspected more particularly the Mount Austin nullah from Mountain Lodge to the Peak tramway, station, and from there to Pokfulum reservoir, following the path leading from Victoria Gap to Pokfulum village. We are satisfied that the house drainage in the above area is satisfactory, and that impurities cannot under normal conditions find their way into Pokfulum, but that impurities deposited in storm-water drains on the Peak Road must find their way into the reservoir. Further impurities arising from the traffic along the Peak Roads, Harlech Road and Pokfulum path can also cause a contamination of the reservoir. The only evidences of impurities we could trace were in the neighbourhood of Mount Austin Barracks and "Craig Ryrie." Opposite the married quarters at Mount Austin some washing, apparently European clothing, was drying on the side of the watercourse, showing that washing had probably been done by the servants of the married N.C.O.s stationed at the barracks in the nullah. At the junction of the causeway running from "Craig Ryrie" to the Peak Road we found traces of excreta in the long grass, and on the path leading to the military parade ground a large quantity of building material apparently from the barracks, and also offensive garbage, smelling somewhat like stable manure, from the same place had also been thrown about on an old building rubbish heap. Between the Peak Road and the stream opposite the barracks there was ample evidence of large quantities of building rubbish, bricks, tiles, plaster, etc., having been thrown down the hillside. The rubbish was only partly covered with grass. There was an offensive smell just at the junction of the "Craig Ryrie" causeway and the Peak Road. From Mount Austin down to Pokfulum we found no further traces of anything offensive. As a result of our investigations we are of the opinion that this area can never be rendered safe from contamination, and that the only remedy must be in the eventual closing of the reservoir, as these streams cannot be cut off of the catchment area. Meanwhile we are satisfied that every precaution is being taken to prevent contamination as far as possible by means of special patrol by the Public Works Department and the Sanitary Department in addition to the ordinary police patrol. We would suggest, however that matters might be temporarily improved by stricter supervision on the part of the M.A. in the neighbourhood of Mount Austin to prevent the washing of clothes in the Mount Austin stream adjoining the Peak Road, the removal by the military authority of all building rubbish and other rubbish deposited alongside the path leading from the causeway at "Craig Ryrie" to the parade ground; the fence in a fence at least six feet high of the stretch of the Peak Road beginning at least ten yards above the causeway leading to "Craig Ryrie" and running down the Peak Road to a point where the path is too high for persons to climb down on to the bank below with ease. Two gates, one giving access to "Craig Ryrie" and one to the military parade ground, would have to be provided. A short stretch of the road near the "Umbrella Seat," just above the barracks should be raised by two gratings over the tunnel under the "Craig Ryrie" causeway should be provided, one at either end to prevent persons from entering the tunnel. We have evidence to show that this tunnel has in the past been used by members of the garrison for the purpose of bathing; the training of the two streams which join at the "Craig Ryrie" causeway from their sources for a distance of at least two hundred yards below the causeway to prevent access to those streams by unauthorised persons and also to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. In conclusion, we would urge that the construction of the low level reservoir or Tytan be pushed as soon as possible so that the use of Pokfulum reservoir may be dispensed with. We are of the opinion that no authority on sanitation could uphold for an instant the closing of a watershed (from which water for drinking purposes is collected) as ideal or under any other heading than dangerous, when the

number of possible sources of contamination, the traffic and the number of houses in the area are taken into consideration. We are well aware that this scheme entails a large expenditure, as it will mean the provision of new filter beds at West Point and a new main to Pokfulum in addition to the cost of the new reservoir. But the danger of contamination of the water from Pokfulum reservoir, due to the traffic on the roads mentioned, the possible leakage of sewerage from dwelling-houses or the dumping of night-soil in the storm-water gullies, is such that this work should be put in hand at the earliest possible opportunity.

The HON. REGISTRAR-GENERAL minutely described the possible dangers to the water supply from other houses situated in the reservoir drainage area?

Mr. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.—I can't recollect any instance in which the water from Pokfulum reservoir has come under suspicion, but the Government Analyst might be asked whether his records show any. There are powerful natural agencies at work in breaking up and destroying any foul matter which may find its way into the streams, and their operation is favoured by the conditions which prevail in the Pokfulum watershed, namely, the roughness and steepness of the stream beds.

The PRESIDENT.—It has not been possible so far to obtain any reports from the Government Analyst, but you will notice in the last paper forwarded to-day that the Pokfulum reservoir has come under suspicion. The Analyst has examined a sample of the water, which he says is unsatisfactory for drinking purposes.

Mr. HOOPER.—Where was that sample taken from?

The PRESIDENT.—A tap in the kitchen of the Bonham Road pumping station.

Mr. HOOPER.—Then it might have got contaminated after leaving the reservoir.

The PRESIDENT.—After it left the filter beds. Mr. HOOPER moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. LAU CHU PAK seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

## RUBBER ROMANCE.

STORY OF KEW GARDENS' GREAT EXPERIMENT.

## FORTUNES FROM TREES.

"Kew Gardens," one may imagine a business man of the City saying. "A charming place, no doubt, delightful flowers and all that sort of thing, but purely ornamental."

This impression would be abruptly changed did he know that it were not for Kew Gardens that the rubber companies which are now earning fat dividends for their shareholders would probably never have had any existence.

The story is quite a simple one. Rubber consists of the dried milky latex of certain trees. They are distributed in various parts of both hemispheres, where they grow under a variety of conditions, sometimes on hilly land, sometimes on alluvial plains, and also in swamps and desert areas. Some of the rubber plants are shrubby in character, others a climbing habit, but most of those which are of considerable importance form large trees, often measuring nearly a hundred feet in height, and frequently over nine feet in circumference. Of these the Para and Ceiba rubber trees of tropical America are the most productive, and Hevea Brasiliensis is the particular species which gives the Para rubber of commerce.

It was in the middle seventies that Mr. H. A. Wickham, a planter of great experience, convinced himself that fortunes awaited the man who could cultivate Hevea Brasiliensis in British possession, climatically suited to such purposes, where labour was abundant and transport available. He managed, not without difficulty, to get Kew Gardens and the India Office interested in the project, and was commissioned to collect Para rubber seeds from Brazil. He brought them to Kew Gardens on June 14, 1876, and though only a small percentage of the seeds germinated, these were sufficient, and by August 12 Kew was able to send nearly 2,000 healthy young Hevea plants to the Paragonia Botanical Gardens at Ceylon. Others were despatched to Singapore, where also there is a flourishing botanical gardens. In the following year seeds or saplings were planted in the museum grounds at Taiping. Others were introduced to the Kunningham Estate, Perak, and a few years later to S'hwain, in the same province.

## £700,000 COTTON FRAUD.

An alleged cotton fraud, involving something like £700,000, was brought to light at Liverpool the other day by the discovery of a large number of spurious bills of lading for cotton purporting to have been shipped from the United States.

Although at present considerable mystery surrounds the facts, it may be stated that Liverpool cotton merchants have purchased some 25,000 bales of cotton, valued at nearly £20,000, from an American firm, while another 14,000 bales were purchased by Continental merchants, bringing the total value up

to over £700,000.

The cottons alleged to have been shipped from New Orleans, and against the bills of lading drawn on the Liverpool and Continental merchants have been honoured.

Now it has been discovered that many of the bills of lading are spurious, and that no cotton has been shipped against them.

It is believed that over two dozen Liverpool firms are affected, and many of the heads have hurried to the United States to endeavour to investigate the matter. The losses entail in most instances on firms of large capital, who will be able to tide over the situation without difficulty, but some few will be affected to a more serious extent.

One leading firm is said to be involved to the extent of £50,000, but it is hoped by the directors of the Cotton Association that the crisis will be met without further loss on this side.

Two years ago the Liverpool Cotton Association complained to the Government of this country and also of America that the nature of the American through bills of lading incited fraud, and asked for some remedy.

The British Government refused to act in the matter, and after negotiations with European and American merchants an international committee was appointed and met at Liverpool, the delegates being American cotton exporters and British, French, and Italian importers and bankers.

They asked that the American Government should enforce the law on a new form of through bill of lading, but this has not been done.

Shippers at New Orleans and other ports have been in the habit of filling in bills of lading and forwarding these with their drafts on banks at this side without waiting for the masters of the steamers or the agents to check the consignments as they were put aboard.

The result has been that many thousands of bales have been diverted by those engaged in their handling, and disposed of to outside speculators and resold in the United States.

Within the past few weeks the shortage of deliveries has become pronounced, coinciding with the discovery of the heavy loss by the arrival of several steamers which had entirely without compensation for which bills of lading had been forwarded and drafts honoured.

## STARTING A RUBBER PLANTATION.

The land chosen for rubber estates in the Federated Malay States is, with few exceptions, virgin jungle, and the processes by which it is converted into a rubber plantation, and the results after the same periods have elapsed, vary very little. Upon receiving the grant of the land, which is a permanent title, giving all the rights of free-hold, the planter proceeds to get rid of the jungle. This is usually done by cutting down the trees, which are then burnt, the ashes being used as manure for the new crop.

The planter then begins to clear the land, and to plant the trees, which are usually of giant size, and sometimes, of a few of the giants of the forest. The undergrowth is cleared

up and piled in heaps near branches, so that when the place is burnt the fire may travel quickly and without stopping. When all has been prepared, after a spell of dry weather has made the place ready for "a burn," a day is selected when there is some wind to help the fire, and if properly arranged it eats up the whole of the timber and branches.

Rubber plants which have previously been nurseries for six months are now put into the ground. The length of time when they are allowed to remain in the nursery varies with the views of the planter, and the time taken to prepare the land. Plants may be removed when they are only a few weeks old, and they are, on the other hand, to be transplanted when they are saplings of eighteen months. The tree grows so quickly that at the age of four years it is frequently 50 ft. high and 18 in. in girth. During the time of preparatory growth, before being tapped, the chief cost of upkeep of an estate is the clearing of weeds, and a good planter endeavours to have his fields always as clean as possible.

## PROFITS OF PLANTING.

Estimates of the cost of bringing estates into bearing naturally vary exceedingly. The conditions of labour, the contour of the land, and many other factors add to or reduce the cost of opening, planting and keeping in good condition until the yielding period. One thousand acres should be opened, and upheld for seven years at a cost of £20,000, not including interest, says Mr. Cartwright, and in the eight years interest of 15 per cent should be earned, which should increase to double that for the ninth year, and go on increasing till 75 per cent, or more should be earned in the twelfth and succeeding years.

This estimate, it should be added, was made three years ago, when there was no expectation of the extraordinary prices which have since been realised for rubber, and which are, according to the best authorities, likely to prevail for at least two years more.

Tapping methods constitute an important study, and in Ceylon much ingenuity has been expended in devising tapping and pricking instruments.

The effect of wounding the tree appears to cause an increased flow of latex towards the injured part, for if the wound is reopened on the following day the yield is nearly always found to be considerably in excess of that obtained on the occasion of the original tapping, sometimes three or four times as much. Also if the wound is opened again on the third day, the yield is found to exceed that of the second, and generally the yield of the fourth day is more than that of the third.

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## MOVING IMPURITIES.

On arrival the latex often contains a large proportion of foreign matter, such as sand and pieces of bark. These mechanical impurities are removed by filtering the latex through thin porous cloth, or by means of a centrifugal machine made to revolve at great speed. Freed from its impurities the latex is then either accumulated in settling tanks or placed in corrugating receptacles. Sometimes it is smoked, being passed through an apparatus charged with smoke from smouldering logs of wood which have been soaked with creosote. This operation is often considered advisable in order to prevent subsequent softening of the rubber.

In consulting the latex different methods are adopted, and after evaporation, when the rubber is soft, pliable and spongy, it is subjected to much stretching and washing, and takes the shape of crepe, biscuit, sheet, worm or lace rubber, terms which have become familiar to a public which has followed the fortunes of the recent sales. Whichever of these forms it may be in, the material possesses a large percentage of water, and

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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	" NAMEANG "	Thursday, 19th May, Noon.
MANILA	" YUENSANG "	Thursday, 19th May, 4 P.M.
MANILA, KOBE & MOJI	" LOONGSANG "	Friday, 20th May, 4 P.M.
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S.S. SCANDIA ... 30th June.  
S.S. SEGOVIA ... 25th July.  
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TJIMAH...	JAPAN	Second half of May	JAVA	Second half of May
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TAMSUI via SWATOW & AMOY	" DAIGI MARU " Capt. M. Murayama	SUNDAY, 22nd May, at 10 A.M.
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TUESDAY, MAY 17TH.  
Commencing on Tuesday, May 17th, the new 5 cents receipt stamp will be on sale at the Post Offices and stamp office. This stamp is not available for postage purposes. No 5 cents postage stamps will be issued after May 19th.

The Yarra, with the French mail of the 22nd ult., left Singapore on Monday, the 16th instant, at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 23rd instant.

FOR	PER	DATE
Amoy and Foochow	Wednesday, 18th, 8.00 A.M.	
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Wednesday, 18th, 9.00 A.M.	
Swatow	Wednesday, 18th, 9.00 A.M.	
Straits and Colombo	Wednesday, 18th, 9.00 A.M.	
Swatow and Shanghai	Wednesday, 18th, 10.00 A.M.	
Bangkok	Wednesday, 18th, 10.00 P.M.	
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Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Tacoma	Wednesday, 18th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Wednesday, 18th, 11.15 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Wednesday, 18th, 5.00 P.M.
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Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Mean Tide	Height	Mean Tide	Height
Wed. 19	m 7 10.	ft 4 1/2	m 11 61	ft 4 0
Thur. 20	m 8 10.	ft 5 2	m 10 14	ft 7 0
Fri. 21	m 8 17.	ft 5 4	m 10 45	ft 1 9
Sat. 22	m 8 24.	ft 5 0	m 11 12	ft 2 2
Sun. 23	m 8 31.	ft 6 1	m 11 19	ft 2 12
Mon. 24	m 8 25.	ft 6 5	m 11 25	ft 3 4
Tue. 25	m 9 0.	ft 6 5	m 12 20	ft 3 2
Wed. 26	m 9 6.	ft 6 5	m 12 26	ft 3 1
Thur. 27	m 10 3.	ft 6 5	m 12 32	ft 3 1

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